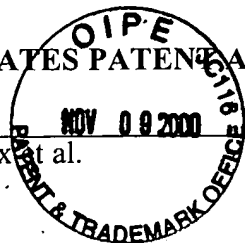


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

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On page 18, line 4, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.

On page 18, line 17, following "control and data over Ethernet", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.